

#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN FIRE CHIEF FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

August 31, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPT A DONATION OF TWO THERMAL IMAGERS FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF \$25,600 (FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Authorize the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) to accept two Bullard T-320 thermal imagers donated by 500 for Life, a non-profit organization, valued at \$25,600.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

- 1. Authorize the District to accept with appreciation, two Bullard T-320 thermal imagers, estimated value at \$12,800 each, with the total donation valued at \$25,600 from Mr. Frank Buonanotte on behalf of 500 for Life, a non-profit organization.
- 2. Instruct the Chair to sign and forward a letter expressing Board appreciation of the generous donation to Mr. Frank Buonanotte on behalf of 500 for Life, a non-profit organization.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Mr. Frank Buonanotte, on behalf of 500 for Life, a non-profit organization, has donated two Bullard T-320 thermal imagers to the District; one to Fire Station 2, Palos Verdes Estates, Battalion 14, and one to Fire Station 53, Rancho Palos Verdes, Battalion 14. The fair market value of this donation is approximately \$25,600.

The two Bullard T-320 thermal imagers will be a valuable life-saving tool in the hands of firefighting

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personnel. The infrared technology provided by this equipment will aid in increasing a firefighter's visibility in locating victims when normal visibility is reduced by darkness or smoke. Additionally, the thermal imagers are capable of detecting potential temperature danger zones in fire situations.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This donation will provide a minimal cost-savings to the Department. Maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget.

There is no impact on net County cost.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 2.4.2, of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes the District to accept donations valued over \$10,000 with Board approval.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Acceptance of this donation will support our commitment to provide exemplary emergency life-saving services.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Executive Office – Emergency Operations Chief Deputy John B. Tripp jtripp@fire.lacounty.gov

Enclosed is a draft letter thanking Mr. Frank Buonanotte and 500 for Life, a non-profit organization for the generous donation. Please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send the letter to:

Mr. Frank Buonanotte 500 for Life 6105 Blue Stone Road, Loft 421 Atlanta, GA 30328 The Honorable Board of Supervisors 8/31/2010 Page 3

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

FIRE CHIEF, FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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### **Enclosures**

c: Chief Executive Office Auditor-Controller County Counsel Mr. Frank Buonanotte 500 for Life 6105 Blue Stone Road, Loft 421 Atlanta, GA 30328

Dear Mr. Buonanotte:

At its meeting held on August 31, 2010, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, your donation of the two Bullard T-320 thermal imagers, valued at \$25,600.

The equipment will be placed at two separate stations, one at Fire Station 2 in Palos Verdes Estates, and one at Fire Station 53 in Rancho Palos Verdes, Battalion 14's jurisdiction, County of Los Angeles Fire Department.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

SACHI HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER